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OBITUARY OF EDWARD WILSON JAMES.

Virginia Scholarship experienced a severe loss in the death of Edward Wilson James, which occurred in Norfolk, Virginia, October 11, 1906. He was the son of John James, formerly merchant of Norfolk, and Mary Moseley Hunter, his wife. He was descended from early emigrants to Virginia; among whom may be mentioned John James, who patented land in Lower Norfolk in 1680-1682, Henry Woodhouse, son of Henry Woodhouse, governor of the Bermuda Islands, (who was a son of Sir Henry Woodhouse and Anne Bacon, half-sister to Sir Francis Bacon), James Wilson, Francis Mason and James Dauge (now rendered Dozier), the last a French Huguenot. He was educated at Roanoke College in 1866-1868, and traveled in England and France. He was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society of William and Mary College, of the Virginia Historical Society (being one of the Executive Committee), of the American Historical Association, and of the American Geographical Society. He was a director in the Norfolk City Gas Light Company, and one of the directors of the Norfolk City Library.

He was remarkable for several praiseworthy traits of character. The first was his patriotism. There were few men as well informed upon the story of the past of Virginia. The publication of the "Lower Norfolk County Antiquary" was a demonstration of his affection, as was also his noble charity to the University of Virginia. He did not ask a price for his Magazine, nor was he an alumnus of the University, but his ambition was to contribute in the best way to the honor of his native State.

By his splendid gift to the University (which will probably amount to \$250,000) he set an example to other men of wealth.

His second marked trait was his regard for truth. He had the character of the exact historian; and perhaps no other work of its kind has fewer errors than "The Lower Norfolk County Antiquary," of which he was editor and proprietor. Historians will not soon forget his really valuable and devoted labors.

His third noble trait was his faith in his friends. As a true man he hated insincerity, but was tenderly responsive to any kindness; and the numerous bequests made by him to friends were intended as simple mementos of sympathetic fellow feelings. The writer was one of those who was favored with his confidence through many years, and now gladly testifies to his character as a good, high, honorable and useful man.—The Editor.